and was given the 'G' Cross category card.

(b) The Atlanta Committee for Olympic Games (ACOG) extended all courtesy and facilities to the Minister for Human Resource Development.

(c) Does not arise.

Revamping of Durgapur Unit of HFC

*588. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRIMATI CHANDRAKALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether KRIBHCO has proposed to undertake revamping of Durgapur Unit of HFC which would cost about Rs. 284 crores and enable the Unit to produce 1.93 lakh MT of urea annually;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government on the said proposal;

(c) whether KRIBHCO has also done the techno-feasibility study for a plant to produce 2200 MT of urea per day within the existing plant site of Durgapur Unit;

(d) if so, whether all assistance from the State Government for additional inputs viz. power, water supply, etc. have been assured; and

(e) if so, further action proposed to be taken by Government for expanding KRIBHCO in the Eastern Region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHEES RAM OLA): (a) to (e) Krishak Bharati Cooperative Ltd. (KRIBHCO) had undertaken a preliminary study to assess the viability of revamp of the Durgapur unit of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC). The fresh investment required for the revamp of this unit to achieve an annual urea production level of 2,16,700 MT was assessed at Rs. 217.70 crore. However, in view of HFC's accumulated losses, surplus manpower, obsolescence of technology and high cost of production/retention price of urea at Durgapur unit in the post revamp situation, the management of KRIBHCO concluded that the revamp of the Durgapur unit was not an economically viable proposition for the Society.

KRIBHCO also undertook a prefeasibility study to explore the possibility of setting up a new 2200 MTPD capacity urea plant within the existing plant site of HFC's Durgapur unit. The proposal is yet to be placed before the Board of Directors of KRIBHCO.

Since HFC has been declared a sick company by the Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), any decision with regard to its rehabilitation, including the revival of the Durgapur Unit, would depend upon the outcome of the proceedings pending before the BIFR, which is a quasi judicial authority.

"Centre-State jurisdiction on environmental clearance"

*589. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue a notification to spell-out the jurisdiction of Gujarat Government and the Centre on giving environmental clearance for setting-up, expansion or modernisation of industrial projects, particularly in petroleum, power, fertilizer, drugs and pharmaceutical sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of clearances given by Government as on date; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) and (b) No Sir; The gazette notification issued on 27.1.94 (as amended on 4th May, 1994) regarding

the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) covers the setting up of new project as well as expansion or modernisation of existing activities listed in Schedule-I of it.

(c) and (d) Since the issuance of the EIA notification, Government has given environmental clearance to seven projects in petroleum sector, five projects in power sector and two projects in fertilizer sector from the State of Gujarat. No projects in drugs and pharmaceuticals have been cleared during the period.

Modicication of new education policy

*590. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend modifying and bringing about uniformity in the New Education Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to make the primary, secondary and university education as well as vocational education more practical, employment-oriented and human value-based;

(d) if so, the progress achieved in the field of literacy, adult education and non-formal education, etc.;

(e) whether it is also a fact that Government propose to increase the budget on education for the next three years; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) to (f) The National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 and its Programme of Action (POA) were updated and tabled in the Parliament in 1992. Aspects of uniformity in education, employment-oriented education and value education are built into it. As of now emphasis would be on toning up the implementation and stepping up resources for education so that there is a better linkage between education and the world of work and improvement of access, retention and quality at all stages of education, particularly, elementary education.

About 53.19 million persons have been made literate till 31.03.1996 under Total Literacy Campaigns (TLCs) and other adult literacy programmes. About 70 lakhs out-of-school children are covered in 2.79 lakhs Non-Formal Education(NFE) Centres.

The Government is committed to increase allocation on education and on primary education in particular.

Transfer of non-woven jute technology by J.T.R.L.

*591. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jute Technological Research Laboratory (J.T.R.L.) has transferred non-woven jute technology to some other private companies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, some commercial trials were undertaken at some private and public sector industries on bulk trial basis to test the none-woven technology developed at JTRL Calcutta in order to determine the technical and commercial feasibility before transfer of the technology could take place. However, actual transfer of technology was not done.

Implementation of afforestation projects in Gujarat

*592. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:—

(a) how many Centrally-sponsored integrated afforestation and economic